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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to retroactive approval to apply for and accept an award for the 2016-17 Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Grant (RFPG) Program for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

- 1. RESOLVE that the following positions are APPROVED and CONFIRMED through June 30, 2017 within the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Class Code</u>	<u>Class Title</u>
1	2223-2	Detective II
1	2223-3	Detective III

- 2. AUTHORIZE the Chief, LAPD, or designee, to:

- a. Retroactively accept the 2016-17 RFPG in the amount of \$473,531 from the County of Los Angeles (County) for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
- b. Execute an Award Agreement with the County on behalf of the City and submit all necessary documents relative to the grant award and submit any other necessary agreements and documents relative to the grant, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.

- 3. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to:

- a. Submit RFPG reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in the Police Department Grant Trust Fund No. 339/70.
- b. Spend the RFPG funds up to the grant amount of \$473,531 in accordance with the grant award agreement to fund the program intended to defer, investigate, and prosecute real estate fraud for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

- 4. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:

- a. Establish a grant receivable and appropriate \$473,531 to appropriation account, account number to be determined, within Fund No. 339/70 for the receipt and disbursement of RFPG grant funds.
- b. Transfer appropriations within Fund No. 339/70 as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
From: 70XXXX	2016-17 Real Estate Fraud Prosecution	\$154,901
To: 70XXXX	Police Related Costs	\$154,901

- c. Increase appropriations on an as-needed basis from Fund No. 339/70, 2016-17

RFPG appropriation, account number to be determined, as follows:

<u>Fund/Dept</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
From: 339/70	70XXXX	2016-17 Real Estate Fraud Prosecution	\$308,375
To: 100/70	001012	Sworn Salaries	\$250,730
	001092	Sworn Overtime	<u>57,645</u>
		Total:	\$308,375

5. AUTHORIZE the LAPD to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that approval of the above recommendations will allow for the expenditure of the 2016-17 RFPG Program award totaling \$473,531. The grant will provide 100 percent of the salary and fringe benefits costs of one Detective III position and 30 percent of one Detective II position, overtime funding for sworn personnel, and other expenses. No matching funds are required for this grant. All other sworn salary and fringe benefits costs supporting this grant are already included in the 2016-17 Adopted Budget and do not represent any additional General Fund impact.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on August 16, 2016, your Public Safety Committee considered a CAO report relative to retroactive approval to apply for and accept a \$473,531 grant award for the 2016-17 RFPG Program from the County for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The CAO reports that this is the fifteenth year of funding for this program. The LAPD also requests resolution authority for one Detective III and one Detective II to staff the program. Grant funds fully cover the cost of the positions. The Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Trust Fund is funded by a filing fee for real estate documents recorded in the County, as provided by California Government Code Section 27388. The Trust Fund supports the efforts of local law enforcement and prosecuting agencies to investigate and prosecute real estate fraud. The County evaluates applications for funds and provides grant awards to selected jurisdictions. The level of annual funding provided by the fee is dependent upon the number of document titles filed within the County. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations presented in the CAO transmittal, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
BUSCAINO:	ABSENT
BONIN:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
MARTINEZ:	ABSENT

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